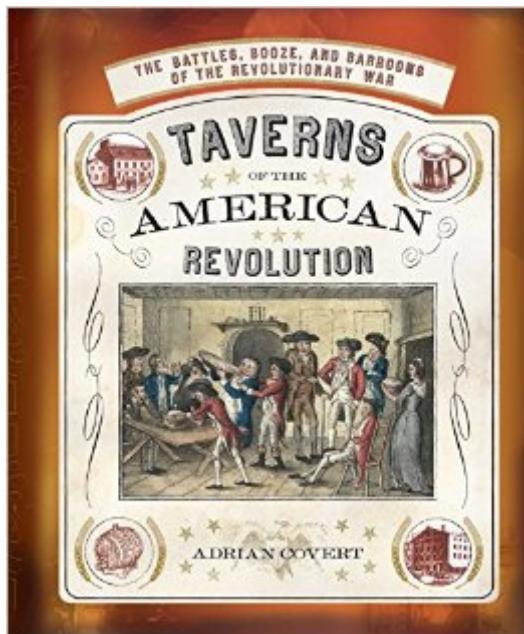


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Taverns Of The American Revolution



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The first visual and narrative account of the American Revolution told through tales about the Colonial-era inns, taverns, and alcoholic beverages that shaped it, *Taverns of the American Revolution* is equal parts history, trivia, coffee-table book, and travel guide. A Complete Guide to the Spirits of 1776 In 1737, Benjamin Franklin published "The Drinker's Dictionary," a compendium of more than two hundred expressions for drinking and drunkenness, such as "oil'd," "fuzl'd," and "half way to Concord." Nearly forty years later, the same barrooms that fostered these terms over bowls of rum punch helped sow the seeds of revolution. *Taverns of the American Revolution* presents the boozing and schmoozing that went on in some of America's most historic watering holes, revealing the crucial role these public houses played as meeting places for George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and their fellow Founding Fathers in the struggle for independence. More than a retelling of the Revolutionary War, this unique volume takes readers on a tour of more than twenty surviving colonial taverns; features period artwork, maps, and cocktail recipes; and is filled with trivia and anecdotes about the drinking habits of colonial Americans. From history buffs and those interested in colonial architecture and art to tavern goers, beer aficionados, trivia lovers, and those keen on hitting a few historic pubs on their road trip through the original thirteen colonies, this one-of-a-kind compendium is the ultimate guide to the taverns that helped spark a revolution. Includes:

- Commentary on more than twenty surviving colonial taverns
- Period artwork, maps, and documents
- A detailed time line of the events leading up to, during, and immediately after the American Revolution
- Six colonial cocktail recipes
- A comprehensive index of more than one hundred fifty surviving colonial taverns
- An abundance of little-known facts and anecdotes that will have you owning your next pub quiz trivia night

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Customer Reviews

The publisher sent me a copy of this book for review. The best use for this book is planning a historical drinking tour in the Northeast. The author has made extensive efforts to identify all taverns currently operating in buildings that were used to serve alcohol before 1800. Although, as he says, the list is undoubtedly incomplete, he has found enough to get you most of the way to cirrhosis in a manner a bit more dignified than the usual. It is filled with amusing stories both about the taverns and what contemporary writers thought about taverns in general. This could have also been an educational history, because upper class taverns were essential social meeting places, lower class taverns were perceived as major social problems, taverns were often the only large public buildings available for almost any use, and taverns high and low were important incubators of democracy. While the author presents all these aspects, he is neither deep nor accurate enough to satisfy history lovers. So buy the book if you like amusing history softened by the warm glow of rum, companionship and cozy colonial architecture.

Taverns of the American Revolution by Adrian Covert is a free NetGalley ebook that I read in early May. Taverns of the American Revolution is a 13-colonies selection of taverns that are still in operation or exist in some other form (wine bar, brewery, etc.). The rundown of its entries are as follows: dossier, brief history, what's on the walls, and the drinks that it's known for (in the past and in the present-day).

Received this book as a gift, have to say it's a very entertaining read! A good read; History mixed with satirical whimsy, definitely a must for history buffs or if you just like taverns! An entertaining book, looking forward from more from this author!

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